



# Re-Cap!

**October 2, 2019**  
**Woodmere**  
**Education Center**

## **A summary of the Board of Education Meeting**

**Board Members:** Mitchell Greebel, *President*; Melissa Gates, *Vice President*; Paul Critti, Cheryl May, Judy Menashe, Debra Sheinin, Daniella R. Simon

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### **Budget Meeting**

- A Budget Meeting preceded the Work Meeting. Please click [HERE](#) for the presentation.

### **Work Meeting**

- The Treasurer's Report was made available to the Board of Education. There were no questions for Mrs. SanPhillipo.
- Mrs. Kim Parahus introduced Fire Marshall Kevin Herbst, who presented the findings of the fire safety visits from May 2019. Minor violations were immediately rectified. Certificates of Occupancy have been released and posted in each building. The next inspection will be in March or April 2020.
- Ms. Mary Ann Van Duyn from R.S. Abrams provided a review of the 2018-2019 external audit. The findings were reviewed by the Audit Committee earlier in the evening. The District achieved an "unmodified opinion," which is the highest rating possible. There are no material weaknesses and any prior year findings have been implemented. It was noted that the Board of Education has strong oversight of the District's finances.
- Dr. Secaur introduced Mr. Bill Galati, who reported on last year's Regents and AP examinations. Also in attendance were Mrs. Mary Harrison and Dr. Al Bauer. Mr. Galati discussed the increase in enrollment in certain college courses, which resulted in a slight decrease in AP enrollment. AP and Regents data were reviewed for all courses. A Board Member asked for additional information regarding the College and Career Readiness scores. Mr. Galati explained HHS is increasing professional development and department chairs are working with new teachers. The quality of instruction is excellent. Mrs. Harrison added that College Board is looking to offer exams for single semester subjects in February, rather than May, which will be advantageous to students. Another question was raised regarding the Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation. Mrs. Harrison explained that HHS has many layers of math classes. Dr. Secaur added that students can take a path in many mathematics subjects that does not culminate in a Regents examination. Many other districts do not have this option. Further questions were asked about enrollment in courses compared to the number of students who take the exams.
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the following: Budget Status Report and Revenue Status Report.
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the Transfers of Appropriation. A Board Member asked if Chromebooks and smart boards were purchased through BOCES. When BOCES is the best option, the District purchases through them.
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the Resolution—Funding Reserves Year Ended June 30, 2019.

- Mr. Frontario reviewed the Schedule of Contracts. A Board Member asked about the increase in the flood insurance policy. It is a standard increase. Another question was raised about Nassau BOCES Mental Health Consortium. Dr. Secaur responded that this is a new program and the District has a team attending, led by Dr. Lo Verde. Board Members also asked about math training and the cost of transportation for the upcoming basketball trip.
- Mr. Frontario reviewed the Schedule of Gifts, Surplus Equipment, and Club Charters.
- Dr. Secaur reviewed the proposal for the High School Boys' Varsity and JV Wrestling trip to Lagrangeville, New York in December 2019.
- Dr. Secaur reviewed the Conferences and Travel schedule. Dr. Marino will be attending the New York State Council of School Superintendents Winter Institute and Lobby Day in Albany in March, and the Disney Experience Music Festival with HHS Art and Music Department in Orlando, Florida in May. Mrs. Gates will be attending the National School Boards Association Equity Symposium and Advocacy Conference in February in Washington, D.C. and the National School Boards Association Annual Conference and Exposition in April in Chicago, Illinois.
- Dr. Marino announced that there is a change in the representation from the Center for Adult Life Enrichment on the HW 2025 Implementation Team. CALE will now be represented by Mr. Richard Braverman.
- Mrs. Gates shared information from the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Resolution Dinner in advance of the NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting at the end of October in Rochester.
- Dr. Secaur reviewed the six policies for initial review:
  - Policy #6240 Investment Policy
  - Policy #2000 Board Operational Goals
  - Policy #2111 Board Member Authority
  - Policy #2220 Board Officers
  - Policy #2230 Appointed Board Officials
  - Policy #2340 Notice of Meetings
- Dr. Secaur reviewed the two policies scheduled for abolishment:
  - Policy #4773 High School Individualized Education Diploma
  - Policy #1920 Relations with Persons with Disabilities
- The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 7:30 PM Tour of Facility at Hewlett Elementary School
- Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 8:00 PM Board of Education Meeting at Hewlett Elementary School
- Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 6:30 PM Budget Development Meeting, Woodmere Education Center
- Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 7:30 PM Work Meeting, Woodmere Education Center

**NOTE:** All agendas and supporting documentation for the October 2, 2019 Work Meeting can be found by clicking [HERE](#).